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Attorney Docket No. 21933-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Renato Belz, et al.

) EXAMINER:

Unassigned

SERIAL NO.: 10/657,308

) ART UNIT:

N/A

FILED: September 8, 2003

Vessel System for the Treatment

and/or Storage of Liquid

PETITION FOR 2-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.136 (a)

Mail Stop Missing Parts Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed April 23, 2004. The response date was June 23, 2004. With the granting of this request, the response time is re-set to August 23, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0812 in the amount of \$420.00, the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2), or any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0812.

Respectfully Submitted

Date: July 26, 2001

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